



# On The Lake News

Live, Work and Shop in Hickory Creek

## Dates to Remember:

Texas-Oklahoma Patriot  
Shootout-Sycamore Bend  
Park – August 3 and 4, 2012

First Day of School –  
August 27, 2012

Arbor Day Ceremony –  
October 20, 2012

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# T O P S



Texas

Oklahoma

Patriot

Shootout

**On August 3 and August 4, 2012, Hickory Creek will host the 1st annual Texas-Oklahoma Patriot Shoot Out, a bass fishing competition at Sycamore Bend Park between recuperating soldiers of Ft. Hood, Texas and Ft. Sill, Oklahoma for bragging rights. Professional bass anglers will donate their time and equipment to ensure that these soldiers have a wonderful time. Will Texas soldiers prove to be the better fishermen? Come to the park on Saturday afternoon for the result show! Please consult the website for an up-to-date list of events and times at [www.hickorycreek-tx.gov](http://www.hickorycreek-tx.gov).**



School begins August 27th !!

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# From The Mayor's Desk

Dear Fellow Citizens,

I am pleased to announce some very good news to the town. Some of you will not be surprised by the great news coming out in the July Issue of D Magazine. The article will give each of us something to talk about. Out of 63 North Texas towns and cities, D Magazine has ranked The Town of Hickory Creek number 14! That number improved from the last ranking which took place in 2010 when Hickory Creek was ranked 28. That is a tremendous improvement in 2 years. The four factors included in the ranking were safety, ambiance, education and housing values. Safety, education and housing values are calculated with their own methodology. Ambiance was strictly subjective of course. I will leave the calculation details out, however, will suggest you take a moment and read the July issue of D Magazine. Everyone should be proud to live Hickory Creek.

A special thanks goes out to our police department, firefighters, teachers, town staff, students and the volunteers. Everyone's efforts, past and present, have helped to build Hickory Creek into the town it is today.

Regards,

Mayor John M Smith Jr.



## THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT !

iPhone users can now have The Town of Hickory Creek information on the go with "HC In Touch (H.I.T)." H.I.T. is the Town of Hickory Creek's mobile application that allows users the ability to access town contact and utility information, view general town information and view maps of town facilities, schools and hospitals, view train schedules, fishing reports and lake levels, view local weather forecasts. Users will also be able to report service-related issues to The Town, along with the option to attach photos for Code Violations.

The Town of Hickory Creek is one of the area's first municipalities to work with Irving-based ResolveTech Solutions, Inc. (RTS) with their mycityintouch.com initiative. The Hickory Creek Economic Development Corporation provided funding for the H.I.T. project and also designed the theme and layout of the application.

The "HC In Touch" application is free to users and can be downloaded through the Apple iTunes store.



## Keep Hickory Creek Beautiful Launches New Web Site

Please visit [www.KeepHickoryCreekBeautiful.com](http://www.KeepHickoryCreekBeautiful.com) to send us your suggestions and get the latest information on KHCB programs and events in Hickory Creek.

## SYCAMORE BEND BOAT DOCK DEDICATION

Sycamore Bend Park has a new boat dock, built with the help of a grant from Texas Parks and Wildlife. This boat dock will be dedicated on Saturday August 4, 2012 at 2:30— come and meet your parks and rec volunteers, town council, listen to the music, watch the bass weigh-in, and eat some good food from local restaurants. Come and join the festivities — we look forward to seeing you there.



### “Scofflaw” Comes to Hickory Creek

The Town of Hickory Creek has entered into an agreement with the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles, to participate in the program known as “Scofflaw”.

The Texas Transportation Code (Sec 702.003) provides that a county assessor-collector may refuse to register a motor vehicle, if the owner of a vehicle has an outstanding traffic warrant. Only a municipality under contract with the TXDMV may “flag” motor vehicle records.

Hickory Creek is in the process of completing the interlocal agreement with Denton County, and then will proceed in placing and removing “flags” as needed on motor vehicle records, whose owners have outstanding Arrest Warrants.

Currently, Hickory Creek contracts with the Department of Public Safety for the “Omni” program, which denies Driver’s License renewal to an individual with active arrest warrants. Scofflaw is an additional tool to help collect delinquent traffic fines, in order to enforce the citation. Utilizing the tools available assures accountability when violations occur, thus increasing public safety.



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## **Hickory Creek Parks News**

**The US Army Corps of Engineers and the Town of Hickory Creek**

**In conjunction with**

**Networking Warriors of America, Operation Once In A Lifetime, and**

**Our Lands & Waters Foundation**

**Are Proud to Present**

**The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Texas-Oklahoma Patriot Shootout (T.O.P.S.)**

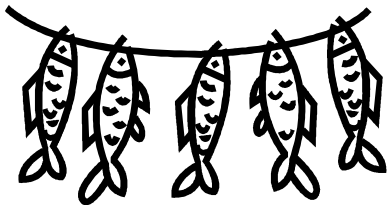
**A Bass Fishing Competition**

**Lewisville Lake**

The Town of Hickory Creek and the US Army Corps of Engineers, in conjunction with Networking Warriors of America, Operation Once in a Lifetime, and Our Lands & Waters Foundation, will present the 1st Annual Texas–Oklahoma Patriot Shootout (T.O.P.S.) on August 3 and August 4, 2012 at Sycamore Bend Park on Lewisville Lake, in Hickory Creek, Texas. This non–profit event will provide wounded soldiers a chance to relax during their rehabilitation, along with their families, and a chance to fish on beautiful Lewisville Lake with a professional bass angler. These professional anglers are donating their time and equipment to make the life of

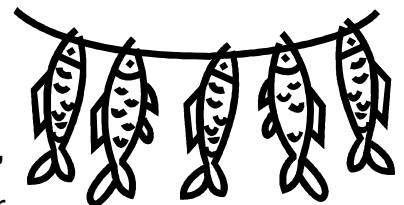
a soldier a little more enjoyable. As you may have noted, this is a shootout and for the initial year the shootout is between the soldiers of Ft. Hood, Texas, and Ft. Sill, Oklahoma.

The founder of Networking Warriors of America recounts how the competition came to be: the shootout came to be while visiting at Ft. Sill (Oklahoma) and working with our wounded soldiers there. In talking with the wounded soldiers within the Warrior Transition Unit and discussing what the NWA organization does and how we work with them, we also discussed some of the fun stuff pertaining to planning outdoor therapy events such as fishing, hunting, ball games and things of that sort. And as things progressed... talk started about coordinating a fishing event for them when one of the soldiers jokingly made a wise-crack saying that the guys in Texas don't know how to fish let alone play football. Then all of them starting joking and as the conversations continued...a brain child idea... an event between Ft. Sill's WTU and Ft. Hood's WTB! While at Ft. Hood... it was mentioned to the soldiers there what they said up at Ft. Sill. Need more be said? The competition was on.



So this is the start of what will hopefully continue to be a yearly event between our military service members from Teas and Oklahoma. This year will be the 1<sup>st</sup> and be extended only to those wounded warriors from the Warrior Transition units from Ft. Hood and Ft. Sill. Next the plan is to open it up to all services. Basically A TX-OK Military Warriors Bass Fishing Shootout!

You may also view [www.networkingwarriors.org](http://www.networkingwarriors.org), [www.ourlandandwaters.com](http://www.ourlandandwaters.com), or [www.usace.army.mil](http://www.usace.army.mil) for further information on these foundations.







## DO YOU HAVE A BIG BEAUTIFUL TREE?

As part of Hickory Creek's Tree City USA Program, Keep Hickory Creek Beautiful is seeking nominations for this year's largest and most beautiful tree. Nominations will be accepted through October 6th and the winner will be announced at the Arbor Day Ceremony October 20, 2012 in Sycamore Bend Park.



Visit [www.keepphickorycreekbeautiful.com](http://www.keepphickorycreekbeautiful.com) for more information about how to nominate your tree, Arbor Day activities and ways to help Keep Hickory Creek Beautiful.



## ANIMAL SERVICES REMINDER

Hickory Creek Animal Services is partnering with Woof City, 604 Main Street, Hickory Creek, to offer a complementary grooming for all animals adopted from the Hickory Creek Adoption Center. Don't forget to use Hickory Creek Animal Services for your micro-chipping needs, where \$20.00 will supply you with not only the security of a micro-chip, but also lifetime monitoring for your pet. Remember to register your pet with HCAS as added insurance that your pet will be returned to you if lost. Registration is a state law and may be accomplished easily with only a copy of your pets' rabies vaccination certificate. There is no charge for Hickory Creek residents. Pets must be vaccinated yearly for rabies.

## PARKS REMINDER

Everyone is encouraged to visit all of Hickory Creek's beautiful parks but please remember that Arrowhead, Point Vista and Sycamore Bend Parks all require a pass for their use. Annual passes are available at Town Hall or a voucher may be purchased at any of the Park Pay Stations. Same day passes for Boat Launch, Day Use and Sycamore Bend Camping are available at the Pay Stations located in the parks.

Annual passes and one day use receipts must be clearly displayed in the vehicle. Annual passes should be hung from the rear view mirror, facing forward. All other receipts must be placed on the dashboard, face up, in a location that is not obscured by any stickers, tinting, items on the dashboard, sun visors, etc.

Any vehicle found that is not properly displaying a park pass will be issued a citation.

# HICKORY CREEK PARKS SYSTEM

Hickory Creek Park Fees	Daily Fee	Annual Pass	2 Year
	\$2		
Day Use (Non HC Resident)	(all users)	\$20	
Boat Launch (HC Resident)	\$10	\$35	\$60
Boat Launch (Non HC Resident)	\$10	\$60	\$110
Camping Fee (Sycamore Bend)	\$7 day	\$40 week	

## Traffic Safety Tip from your Municipal Court



### Sharing the Road with Trucks:

Trucks can weigh up to 80,000 pounds and may need up to 100 yards to stop. Here are some tips to help keep you safe when you drive near trucks:

Maintain a safe following distance. When the vehicle in front of you passes a fixed object, you should be able to count at least two seconds before you pass the same object.

Don't squeeze between trucks and the curb. Trucks make wide right turns, and the driver may not see you.

When passing a truck, don't move back into your lane until you can see both truck headlights in your rearview mirror.

Be aware of a truck's blind spots: up to 20 feet in front of the tractor, anywhere along the sides of the trailer and up to 200 feet behind the trailer.

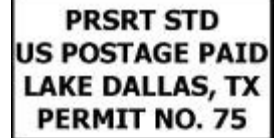
Never cross behind a truck that is backing up.





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## 2012 Events

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### **Town Hall Meetings**

Parks & Recreation Board  
1st Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Board  
1st Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Animal Welfare Board  
1st Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Town Council  
3rd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Board of Adjustments  
3rd Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Economic Development  
(4B) Corporation.  
4th Thursday at 7:00 p.m.



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[www.hickorycreek-tx.gov](http://www.hickorycreek-tx.gov) / [www.hickorycreekEDC.com](http://www.hickorycreekEDC.com)  
**Town Hall - 940-497-2528**

### **Police Department**

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